

**Bureau of Land Management, Color Country District
Fuels Treatment: Bumblebee Interface
Iron County, Utah**



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Project Location: Bumblebee Interface is located approximately 1 mile north of New Harmony, Utah.

Implementation: This project will be implemented January 25 and will continue through April 2010.

Project Size: 1,000 acres

Project Description:

This vegetation management project will improve watershed conditions, enhance crucial mule deer winter range and reduce hazardous fuels within the wildland urban interface. Work efforts will be visible from Interstate 15 and local road systems. Vegetation in these areas will be removed in an environmentally friendly manner, creating a mosaic pattern and leaving islands of treated and untreated vegetation. The mechanical thinning of pinyon and juniper trees is one of many treatment options used by land management agencies and provides successful benefits to various locations throughout southern Utah.

Vegetation will be reduced by a mechanical chipper/shredder, often referred to as a "Bullhog." Removal of encroaching pinyon and juniper will benefit the environment by enabling more productive, desirable grasses, forbs and shrubs to return to the site. To facilitate this, a mix of fire tolerant grasses and forbs suitable to the site will be seeded in specific areas. Seeding will also reduce soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat, enhance water quality and quantity, reduce the risk of invading cheatgrass, and lower the risk of wildfire negatively impacting southern Utah communities.

This project will contribute to a series of treatments that extend along the base of Bumblebee Mountain, north to State Route 56 and will resemble past work efforts located north of the project area.

